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CESS ON ROYALTIES ON TOBACCO COS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Tobacco companies are repatriating substantial amount of foreign exchange by way of royalty/technical fees to its foreign collaborators;

(b) if so, the details of repatriation made by each such tobacco company during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Union-Government is consulted by the tobacco companies for making such payments;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to levy some cess on the royalties or fees that are expatriated to foreign companies by the big tobacco companies to fund the Government programme on tobacco related diseases; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.